(e) whether Government propose to send an official level delegation to China to further strengthen the relations between two countries; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) and (b) A delegation led by the Chinese Vice Minister of Finance, Mr. Chi Haibin, visited India from August 2-10-1990. The delegation had discussions with the Government departments concerned in the areas of finance, economy, banking, agriculture and planning.

Courtesy calls were made on the Vice President and the Finance Minister.

(c) and (d) The visit was essentially in the nature of a study tour and contributed to fresh insights on problems of development in both countries.

(e) and (f) Such visits are part of the process of enhancement of bilateral contacts between India and China in various fields for mutual benefit. Official level contacts with China are taking place from time to time.

Chinese suggestion for normalisation of relations between India and Nepal

3264. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a message from Mr. Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister was handed over by Mr. Qi Yanjing, a senior Member of Chinese Communist Party and a close confidant of Mr. Li to the Prime Minister on or around 14th June, 1990 in the context of his successful talks with the Nepalese Prime Minister earlier;

(b) if so, whether the message suggested by any further steps towards normalisation of relations between Nepal and India; and

(c) what steps have been/are being taken in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Passport forgers in Delhi

3265. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a gang of passport forgers was busted in Delhi with the arrest of two persons in July, 1990; and

(b) if so, the details of the persons apprehended in connection therewith and the other findings of the investigation and enquiries in connection therewith, as to their *modus-operandi*, etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Following information received the Delhi Police apprehended one Sada Sivam on 28th June, 1990 and 5 Indian passports bearing forged visa of Saudi Arabia and forged immigration stamps were recovered from his possession. A case FIR No. 489/90 u/s 420/466/468-IPC/13 Passport Act was registered at Police Station Rajouri Garden. A large number of forged passports, fake degrees, certificates etc. were also recovered from his rented premises in Tagore Garden, New Delhi. Subsequently, Delhi Police arrested his accomplice, Bashir and some forged documents were also recovered from his possession.

Fire-arm Licences to members of S.Cs.

3266. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to issue licences for fire-arms